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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University is one of the hosts for the first annual Illinois Teacher Placement Days which will be here Thursday (April 24) for teacher candidates seeking positions almost anywhere in the United States.

Eastern Placement Director Jay Knott, coordinator for the teacher recruitment program, said "any teacher candidate can participate in the career day" which is expected to draw 58 school districts and 400 prospective elementary and secondary-level teachers from across the country.

"The majority of candidates will be current graduates and those who just finished with their student teaching," Knott said. "We'll also have people who are currently teaching and those who haven't taught in recent years."

The career day will be held from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in the University Union, Knott said. Each school district participating will have a table set up to screen candidates and make interview appointments for that day.

"We've got approximately 20 school districts from Illinois that will be here, in addition to eight from Florida, and two from both Colorado and California," he said. "This is the chance for someone who's been dreaming about teaching in Texas or Florida--they can come right here for the interview."

The Illinois Teacher Placement Days, which kicked off April 21 at Northern Illinois University, includes the "five major suppliers of teachers" in Illinois, Knott said. Besides EIU, and Northern others are Western Illinois University, University of Illinois and Illinois State University.

The conference will wind down April 26 at the Midwest Teacher Placement Day in Chicago. "We're expecting about 100 school districts and 1000 candidates on Saturday," Knott said. "This is the first time for this type of event."

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Organization for the placement day conference included two national mailings to "100 of the largest school districts in the country," Knott said. "After that we had to correspond with every college and university in the Midwest to let them know what was going on.

"It's not costing anything but gas money to get here to find out if we have a job they're looking for," Knott added.